

and partly lost. It is enough  
to make an Ishmaelite of me.

I have been working very hard for  
several weeks and have this after-  
noon just got all my herbarium on  
what is left of it into my own  
rooms.

I am sorry that I am not more  
thankful but I never was gouged  
so many ways in one week unless  
I went in quest of misfortunes. But  
I believe the last of them has come.

Mr. Shurber wishes to know to  
show & in what quantities to look  
for pay for paper. You know & I  
do not. I write him in this - please  
see if my answer is correct.

Give my best regards to Mrs  
Gray. I have been too busy to do  
as much as I wished in noticing  
the Manual & Lessons Notices of which  
have been published in Portsmouth Chron-  
icle & Concord (NH) Courier.  
(Yours in haste & warmest S.F.H.)

Middlebury 18 April 1847

Prof. Asa Gray Dear Sir

I have been  
unable sooner to acknowledge your  
favor of 9 April and the receipt of  
the paper & I fear it is now too soon.  
I did not know till now that the  
portion I examined was under weight.  
Six nails had penetrated my box  
and I wished to know how many  
sheets were injured seriously. So  
I weighed out a pound and counted  
& found it 43 sheets. An accident led  
me to do it twice more & I found  
in one case 41 & in the other 43. I just  
now <sup>find</sup> the proper weight is  $36\frac{12}{13}$  to a lb.  
As I supposed a ~~ream~~ sheet would make  
two leaves my 6 reams will not make  
so much impression on my herbarium  
as I supposed and it makes me feel  
poor.



Of the six nails that entered the box only three damaged the paper essentially. The number of sheets torn I estimate at 241.

One more reclamation I must make. Instead of my paper coming to me with freight paid as I expected I had to pay freight on 200 lbs all the way from the mill to New York, \$1.01. I did not learn why the charge was so it came into the hands of our road as one box of paper as 200 lbs.

Now as to the 8 reams & 4 quires of over plus. Leroy wants two of them send them to him at the General Ticket Office of the Hudson R R R, 68 Warren St and I will guaranty the payment.

As to the 4 reams & 4 quires I will take them if they will deal fairly by me. I claim as deductions as follows:

Freight	\$ 1.01
Damage $\frac{241}{2}$	.72
Deficiency of weight	0
	<u>1.73</u>

At present I overlook the deficiency of weight as the other reams may be heavier than the damaged ones. Now I estimate the remainder at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  reams \$11.44

Now ask the man to tie that up for me & let it <sup>stay in Boston and</sup> ~~stay in store~~ till I can get it up without paying the freight of a barrel of flour and I will pay him \$10 or less but not one cent more, <sup>not only am I poor just now but</sup> I feel sore about a series of exactions and things of this nature this week; for besides those connected with this little affair I have just paid \$2 for hauling two loads less than a mile, have had my workman shifted from car to car contrary to agreement and with